Application No. 08/663,952

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Applicant(s)

Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):
(1) Carol Chaney (3)
(2) Arne Fores (4)
Date of Interview Oct 5, 1998
Type: 🛛 Telephonic 🗌 Personal (copy is given to 🔲 applicant 🔲 applicant's representative).
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted:   Yes  No. If yes, brief description:
Agreement 🛛 was reached. 🗆 was not reached.  Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 5
Identification of prior art discussed:  Hope et al. (US Patent 4,808,406)
Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:  Incorporating the subject matter of claim 5 into claim 1, specifying the coating as a lithiated metal oxide or lithiated mixed metal oxide will definitely overcome the prior art of Hope et al. and put the case in condition for allowance. An Examiner's Amendment will be made.
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendents which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)
1.   It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.
Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.
2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.
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To Mr. Fors:

In response to our telephone conversation yesterday, I'm faxing a copy of US Patent 4,808,496, awarded to Hope et al. Please notice that Hope et al. are claiming most broadly any electrode active material encapsulated in an ionically and electronically conductive polymer film, and from their specification, prefer vanadium oxides as active materials. Your clients, in contrast, are specifically claiming lithiated nickel cobalt oxide as the encapsulated electrode active material. The incorporation of the subject matter of instant claim 5 into claim 1 will very clearly distinguish your clients invention from the prior art. I recognize that this would, however, also further limit the scope of your clients' invention. Please let me know how you think we can best put this application in condition for allowence. Thank you.

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